PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

OIP-E CLES

TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number	10/667,291	
Filing Date	September 19, 2003	
First Named Inventor	Malte Blomeyer	
Art Unit	3746	
Examiner Name	Louis J. Casaregola	
Attorney Docket Number	2002P11815US	

	7					
	ENCLOSURES (check	all that apply)				
Fee Transmittal Form	☐ Drawing(s)	☐ Drawing(s)		After Allowance Communication to To		
Fee Attached	Licensing-related Papers			Communication to Board eals and Interferences		
Amendment / Reply	Petition	Petition  Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application  Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address  Terminal Disclaimer		Communication to TC Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)		
After Final				tary Information		
Affidavits/declaration				Status Letter  Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):		
Extension of Time Reque						
Express Abandonment R	equest	_	1) Return Receipt Postcar 2) PTO/SB/30 RCE Transn			
☐ Information Disclosure St	atement	n ČD	3) Europ	ean Search Report		
Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	Remarks					
Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Reply to Missing Part under 37 CFR1.52 or						
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT						
Firm	SIEMENS	SIEMENS				
Signature	fl. Muon	JOHN P. MUSONE				
Printed Name	JOHN P. MUSONE					
Date ·	JULY 7, 2005	Reg. No.	44,961			
	CERTIFICATE OF TRANS	MISSION/MAI	LING			
	espondence is being facsimile transmitte age as first class mail in an envelope on the date shown below.					
Signature	Salvan Quin					
Typed or printed name	BARBARA QUINN		Date	JULY 7, 2005		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

PTO/SB/08a (05-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Subsetute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known

ÑFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

Application Number 10/667,291 Filing Date September 19, 2003 First Named Inventor Malte Blomeyer Art Unit Not Yet Assigned Not Yet Assigned **Examiner Name** 

(use as many sheets as necessary) Sheet 1 . of

1

2002P11815US Attorney Docket Number

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
5		Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevan		
Examiner Initials *	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
	1	US- 2003/0093997 A1	05-22-2003	Stalder et al.			
	2	US- 6,152,724	11-28-2000	- Becker			
	3	US- 6,056,538	05-02-2000	Büchner et al.			
	4	US- 5,758,587	06-02-1998	Büchner et al.			
		US-		•			
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
·		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-	·····				
		US-					
		US-		1			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS  Foreign Patent Document Pages, Columns, Lines,						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Country Code <sup>3</sup> - Number <sup>4</sup> - Kind Code <sup>5</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
	5	EP 1 207 350 A2 (corresponds to #1 above)	05-22-2002	ALSTOM Power N.N.		
	6	DE 198 39 085 C2	03-02-2000	Siemens AG		
	7	- EP 0 925 470 B1	06-30-1999	Siemens AG		
	8	WO 98/35186	08-13-1998	Siemens AG		
	9	WO 98/11383	03-19-1998	Siemens AG	,	
	10	EP 0 718 558 A2	06-26-1996	ABB Management AG		
	11	EP 0 589 520 B1 ·	03-30-1994	Nuovopignone Industrie Meccaniche E Fonderia S.p.A., Eniricerche S.p.A.		
	12	EP 0 193 838 B1	09-10-1986	Siemens AG		

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.